

**LTC Thomas J. Meccia**  
**Commander**  
**53<sup>rd</sup> Signal Battalion**

LTC Thomas J. Meccia entered the Army through the ROTC program at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Fla. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned into the US Army Signal Corps with a branch detail to the Infantry. As a career Signal Corps officer, he has held numerous operational, command and staff positions.

After his commissioning and graduation from the Infantry Officer Basic Course, LTC Meccia was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Fort Carson, Colo., where he served as a rifle platoon leader in the 1-12th Infantry Battalion. While assigned to Fort Carson, LTC Meccia attended the Signal Officers Branch Qualifications Course and subsequently served as a battalion S-6 in the 4th Engineer Battalion (Combat).

Following his tour in the 4th Infantry Division, he was assigned to XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C., where served in the 35th Signal Brigade, 50th Signal Battalion (Corps) (Forced Entry) (Airborne) as an assistant S-3 operations officer and soon after assumed command of Charlie Company. As a company commander, he deployed his company to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following his assignment to the XVIII Airborne Corps, LTC Meccia was selected for assignment to the White House Communications Agency where he served as a Presidential response officer and Presidential communications officer.

Upon completion of his tour at the White House Communications Agency, LTC Meccia returned to the XXVIII Airborne Corps as the network operations officer. He again deployed in support of OIF, and was the Multi-National Corps Iraq C-6 network operations officer. During this rotation in Iraq, he was transferred to the 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade at Forward Operation Base Sykes where he assumed the role of brigade S-6. After his second tour at Fort Bragg, LTC Meccia was selected as a U.S. Army representative to attend the United States Marine Corps Command and General Staff College.

LTC Meccia's most recent assignment was as the J-3 operations officer for the Joint Spectrum Center, Defense Spectrum Organization in Annapolis, Md., where he was responsible for synchronizing and orchestrating Joint spectrum operations support for conflicts around the world.

LTC Meccia's awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal (first oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (first oak leaf cluster), Army Commendation Medal (first oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal, Presidential Service Badge, Parachutist Badge, Expert Infantry's Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

LTC Meccia is married, and together they have three children.



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